

**Advisory Committee on Voluntary Certification
Meeting Minutes May 10, 2006**

Members present: Lawrence Thibodeau, Chris Burns, Robert Farley, Len Daniels, Steve Mango and John Mooney

Also present four members of ECBA.

Old business: Lawrence Thibodeau reviewed the minutes from April's Meeting with Steve Mango moving to accept the minutes and Len Daniels seconding. The vote was unanimous to accept.

New Business:

Rob Farley passed out Revision 04-04-06 of the "Initial Proposal" which was then reviewed by the Committee.

Lawrence Thibodeau: "1206.07" should actually be "1202.07" and he recommended that "1204.02 A-1" should be moved to "1203.01 d"

Chris Burns: He is still looking at levels of "Responsible Managing Employee"

Lawrence Thibodeau: reviewed his insert on 1203. D-3

Chris Burns: Are these 'either/or' options?

Lawrence Thibodeau: Yes, he was not thinking in terms of someone meeting all the criteria

Robert Farley: 1204.02 A-1-E. In regards to 'testing', if testing is offered in the field or by approved organizations, that's good but he reminded the Committee that the State does not want to be in the business of drawing up a curriculum and testing. He also asked Larry Thibodeau if 1204.02 A-1-C refer to 1204.02 A-1-A and 1204.02 A-1-B?

Lawrence Thibodeau: 'Yes'

Robert Farley: 1204.02 A-1-D: "Contren" will need to be spelled out or JELCAR will kick it back.

Robert Farley: What will be the criteria for technicians to determine if the sprinkler system is "...in proper operating order"?

Lawrence Thibodeau: He will work on the criteria

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At this point, the Committee discussed “Responsible Managing Employee”

Robert Farley: Can we have one definition for all disciplines and then breakout the Responsible Managing Employees qualification for each discipline in the “Qualification” section in 1203.

John Mooney: That makes sense and would be less cumbersome.

Chris Burns: His interpretation is that the Responsible Managing Employee does not have to be an owner?

Len Daniels: Yes. The key to the Responsible Managing Employee is to keep them full time

Chris Burns: Next month may be a good time to have each discipline define Responsible Managing Employee

Lawrence Thibodeau: Where should the endorsements for Responsible Managing Employee be placed for each discipline?

Robert Farley: Section 1203.01 D-3 is a good place to spell out separate endorsements for each field

Len Daniels: Offered his definition of ‘Responsible Managing Employee’ *Len, please e-mail to us*

Lawrence Thibodeau: So we could eliminate 1202.14?

Len Daniels: Yes

Len Daniels: Stated that the Responsible Managing Employee should be full time and fully involved in the operation of the firm.

Robert Farley: To the State, it does not matter if the Responsible Managing Employee is full time or part time as long as that individual knows that he/she is “on the hook.”

Lawrence Thibodeau: We should not be farming out ‘Responsible Managing Employee’ work. Let’s leave “full time” in the definitions and see what JELCAR does.

Len Daniels: 1202.04 & 1202.12 are the same thing and one should be deleted. Also, in 1203.01 D, the word “voluntary” should be deleted. In 1203.02 D-8 and 1203.02 D-1, the word “certified” should be deleted and replaced with “Responsible Managing Employee”

Len Daniels: 1203.04B should have the phrase “....in subsequent year” added to the end of the last sentence.

1203.05 A-1 should read “Any *change* of the officers listed in Saf-C 1203.02(b)(6) above:

1203.05 A-3 should have “certified person” removed and replaced with “Responsible Managing Employee”

1207.02 : Len said that this section does not go into workmanship and should this be addressed?

Robert Farley: this Committee does not have any statutory authority to define poor workmanship. Right now all we have in regards to ‘Suspensions and Revocations’ is what is outlined in 1207.01 A-1 through 3 and 1207.02 A-1 through three and maybe this needs to be addressed in a future meeting.

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Chris Burns asked if the Committee needs to submit a Fiscal Impact Survey with the proposal

Robert Farley: The initial resources will be determined by the number of people and firms that sign up.

Richard: The Committee knows this program is voluntary with the knowledge that certain municipalities will make it mandatory.

At this point, the allotted time for the monthly meeting ran out.

Chris Burns moved to adjourn

John Mooney seconded

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Weds June 7 at 9am

Respectfully submitted,

John Mooney

Secretary